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Lincoln Ave. Bridge To Be Overhauled *Legislature includes bridge fix in transportation budget.*

Lansing, MI – Fears of becoming a “one-bridge” town will soon be alleviated for the City of Cheboygan under the transportation budget passed by the legislature this week.

“Repairs to the Lincoln Avenue Bridge are badly needed,” said Allen. “It was imperative that we included repairs to this critical infrastructure for the City of Cheboygan.”

The Lincoln Avenue Bridge has been on the critical bridge list for the last six years. Due to the wear of severe weather and the application deicing chemicals, the bridge has deteriorated quicker than anticipated. As a result of this faster than expected decline in the bridges condition, load limits were imposed on the bridge to help slow the bridge’s continued decay.

“This bridge is one of only two bridges that cross the Cheboygan River and connects the two halves of the city,” said Allen. “It is critical to the ongoing vitality of this city that Lincoln Avenue Bridge be fully functional.”

The transportation budget, as sent to the Governor, requires that funding be made available for the construction of a bridge to replace the current Lincoln Avenue Bridge. The budget still needs the Governor’s signature before going into effect.

“I worked close with Representatives Shackleton and Bradstreet to ensure that Cheboygan receives the necessary dollars to keep their bridge structurally sound,” said Allen. “I look forward to having the Governor enact this vital legislation, preserving our bridge for many years to come.”